(a) whether a company under the nomenclature 'BRITCO' has been registered in India; and

(b) if so, when it was registered and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARMANGLAM): (a) and (b). No company under the name of 'BRITCO' only is registered in India under the Companies Act, 1956. However, a company under the nomenclatures Britco Foods Company Private Ltd., was registered on 20th February, 1992 with the Registrar of Companies Maharashtra, Bombay. The authorised Office of the company is at 42, Turf View, Dr. A.B. Road, Worli, Bombay-18.

Powerloom Service Centre at Banglore

5895. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Powerloom Service Centre at Bangalore;

(b) if so, the proposed centre would provide training on loom mechanism and maintenance;

(c) the number of persons likely to be given training every year in the said center;

(d) whether land and buildings and other infrastructures have been procured; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) About 150 persons every year.

(d) and (e). Not yet as this Centre has been sanctioned only recently.

Duty on Imported Raw Materials

5896. DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to allow the imported raw materials to be warehoused in India without payment of duty by foreign suppliers at heir own cost which would later be sold to the Indian buyers for their use in manufacture of goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). A few proposals have been received on behalf of foreign suppliers for import of raw wool and certain spare parts which would be initially stored in bond for subsequent clearance and sale to local consumers according to their requirements. Ready availability of these goods to local consumers and economy in costs are claimed to be the major advantages.

[*Translation*]

Pension to widows of Second world War Personnel

5897. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: